

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 18, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Suite 200 Rushville Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Council President Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call.

MINUTES: Marzon moved to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We survived the 420Jlm – cannabis. He did call and let us know what he was coming to town for.
2. We will have a meeting tomorrow to discuss the Covid reimbursables.
3. The utility audit started August 5.
4. The utility grace period has ended.
5. We will recommend home flushing and will send out directions for homeowners to follow.
6. There will be a diversity meeting tomorrow evening.
7. The Chamber has voted to cancel Rush Fest. The concert was also cancelled.
8. Our budget meeting went well with the DLGF. The Department Heads did a responsible job preparing their budgets.
9. The Department Heads will have another educational program on August 24.
10. Hartford City will be in town for a visit August 24th.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that the Budget Workshop with DLGF went well. We will need to make some cuts, but not as severe as it was last year. The public hearing is scheduled for 9/15, and the adoption will be 10/6

She filed \$15,490.00 in weed liens this week.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier urged Council to meet with their specific departments to go over their budgets for next year.

Berkemeier complimented Les Day and Dave Harvey for the good communication in resolving the water issues.

He asked how the follow up with the new complaint system was going. Jenkins said it was going very well. We have had a total of 187 complaints and less than 10 cases are pending. Jenkins will give a breakdown of reports to Council.

Council budget workshop will be the 25th at 6:00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We are starting to wrap up.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The last concert was cancelled.
- **APC/BZA** – Meeting tomorrow.
- **Housing** – We received 3 bids on The Boulders and took them under advisement.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Still waiting on the Court's ruling.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Munson reported that rescue 1 is back in service. Ladder testing and pump testing were done last week

There were 3 employees off due to Covid exposure. Their tests have all come back negative.

Street – Commissioner Miller said the sidewalk program is done for this year. Applications can be turned in for next year.

He currently has 1 employee in quarantine due to Covid.

Park – Director Burklow reported that the new fitness equipment has been installed. There is concern of vandalism. Burklow said they are working on the camera system.

Animal – Director Hanna said she has been doing interviews.

Police – Chief Tucker said he met with Jarman regarding cameras. Their new vehicle is at the installer. One of the reserve officers will be painting one of the Crown Vics.

Tucker said he thinks they have an issue with school traffic under control.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Rushville Property Revitalization Program – 30 day delay** - Progress is running hot and cold per Mayor Pavey.
2. **City of Rushville Public Giving and Community Improvement Corporation Mayor Appointments** – Pavey continues to search for his appointments.
3. **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Councilman Marzon’s list is being finalized. He has 7 commitments so far. They will start meeting very soon.
 - a. List being finalized – Kick off meeting
 - b. Mrs. Louella Goins Funeral – Mrs. Goins was a matriarch of the neighborhood.
 - c. Labyrinth Ribbon Cutting – Carole Yeend said they will have a dedication. No date has been set. Carol Jenkins Davis was a 1965 class mate of hers. Yeend explained that a labyrinth is meant to be an inspirational tool. It will be a special place in our community.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2020-35 – Naming East 200 Block of 4th Street** – Daubenspeck made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-35. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2020-36 Support and Investment in Community Center (RCCF grant application)** - Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2020-36 along with a letter of support. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Utility Update –**
 - a. **Manganese numbers** – Les Day reported that they are sending out daily updates. Our goal is to get to get the manganese down to .05. We are averaging .02.
 - b. **Flushing City Wide** – The City wide flushing was completed last Friday night. We will flush again in October.
 - c. **Flushing House (next phase)** – Bridges asked when do we need to do home flushing. Mayor Pavey said we will send out instructions to the public.
 - d. **Other updates** – Gurley said with wear and tear of old equipment it is important that we discuss replacement over the next 20-30 years. Day said we have 47 miles of pipe. They know where the trouble spots are. 1934 is the oldest map of the distribution system. Bridges asked if we need to replace any of the 3 different filters. Day said the life expectancy is 15-20 years. The filters were changed 3 years ago.
4. **Covid-19** – The Governor is still at 4.5. Pavey said he doesn’t expect any big moves for a while. Libations by the Levee is still on for October.
 - Governor’s Stage 4.5 August 27th
 - 2021 Diamond Lease Covid Clause
 - Covid-19 Health Task Force (bi-monthly)
 - Economic Recovery Taskforce (bi-monthly)

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Marzon moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.